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November 30, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room #8B-201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Safe, Free Wireless Internet Accessibility

Dear Chairman Martin:

As a former teacher and school board member, I know the value the Internet can serve as a medium for improving the education our students can receive. While I support increased access to the network we also need to safeguard the safety of our children.

Our communities need a network that enhances the medium while at the same time safeguards our young from inappropriate material. I have read of proposals recently introduced to the Federal Communications Commission that seek to get approval for a free national wireless broadband access network. A wireless network like this would provide network level indecency solutions more securely than mere software solutions. Such network solutions are also much harder to circumvent.

Implementation of such a program would ensure a strong future for schoolchildren and enhanced Internet access itself while at the same time it would be a necessary first step in protecting our children online. I encourage you to approve any current proposals that would provide universal fast family-friendly Internet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maggie Crotty", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Maggie Crotty
State Senator ~ 19th District

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